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# The GUARDIAN.

*Venit ad me ſæpe clamitans——*
*Veſtitu nimium indulges, nimium ineptus es,*
*Nimium ipſe eſt durus præter æquumq; & bonum.* Ter.

*Monday, March* 23. 1713.

WHEN I am in deep Meditation in order to give my Wards proper Precautions, I have a principal Regard to the Prevolence of things which People of Merit neglect, and from which thoſe of no Merit raiſe to themſelves an Eſteem; of this Nature is the Buſineſs of Dreſs. It is weak in a Man of Thought and Reflection to be either depreſſed or exalted from the Perfections or Diſadvantages of his Perſon. However there is a reſpective Conduct to be obſerved in the Habit, according to the eminent Diſtinction of the Body either way. A gay Youth in the Poſſeſſion of an ample Fortune could not recommend his Underſtanding to thoſe who are not of his Acquaintance more ſuddenly, than by a Sobriety in his Habit: As this is winning at firſt Sight, ſo a Perſon gorgiouſly fine, which in it ſelf ſhould avoid the Attraction of the Beholders Eyes, gives as immediate Offence.

I make it my Buſineſs when my Lady *Lizard*'s youngeſt Daughter, Miſs *Molly*, is making Cloaths, to conſider her from Head to Foot, and cannot be eaſie when there is any doubt lies upon me concerning the Colour of a Knot, or any other part of her Head-dreſs, which by its Darkneſs or Livelineſs might too much allay or brighten her Complexion. There is ſomething looſe in looking as well as you poſſibly can; but it is alſo a Vice not to take Care how you look.

The Indiſcretion of believing that great Qualities make up for the want of things leſs conſiderable, is puniſhed too ſeverely in thoſe who are guilty of it. Every Day's experience ſhews us, among variety of People with whom we are not acquainted, that we take Impreſſions too favourable and too diſadvantageous of Men at firſt ſight from their Habit. I take this to be a point of great Conſideration, and I ſhall conſider it in my future Precautions as ſuch. As to the Female World, I ſhall give them my Opinion at large by way of Comment upon a new Suit of the *Sparkler*'s, which is to come home next Week. 'I deſign it a Model for the Ladies; ſhe and I have had three private Meetings about it. As to the Men, I am very glad to hear, being my ſelf a Fellow of *Lincoln College*, that there is at laſt in one of our Univerſities riſen a happy Genius for little things. It is extremely to be lamented, that hitherto we come from the College as unable to put on our own Cloaths as we do from Nurſe. We owe many Misfortunes, and an unhappy Backwardneſs in urging our way in the World, to the neglect of theſe leſs Matters. For this reaſon I ſhall authorize and ſupport the Gentleman who writes me the following Letter; and though out of diffidence of the Reception his Propoſal ſhould meet with from me, he has given himſelf too ludicrous a Figure; I doubt not but from his Notices to make Men who cannot arrive at Learning in that Place, come from thence without appearing ignorant; and ſuch as can, to be truly knowing without appearing Booki-ſh.

*To the* GUARDIAN.

*SIR, Oxford, March* 18. 1712-13.

'I Foreſee that you will have many Correſpon-
'dents in this Place; but as I have often ob-
'ſerved, with Grief of Heart, that Scholars are
'wretchedly ignorant in the Science I profeſs, I
'flatter my ſelf that my Letter will gain a Place in
'your Papers. I have made it my Study, Sir, in
'theſe Seats of Learning, to look into the Nature
'of Dreſs, and am what they call an *Academical*
'*Beau*. I have often lamented that I am obliged to
'wear a grave Habit, ſince by that means I have
'not an Opportunity to introduce Faſhions amongſt
'our young Gentlemen; and ſo am forced, con-
'trary to my own Inclinations, and the Expectation
'of all who know me, to appear in Print. I have
'indeed met with ſome Succeſs in the Projects I
'have communicated to ſome Sparks with whom
'I am intimate; and I cannot without a ſecret
'Triumph confeſs, that the Sleeves turned up with
'Green Velvet, which now flouriſh throughout
'the Univerſity, ſprung originally from my In-
'vention.

'As it is neceſſary to have the Head clear, as
'well as the Complexion, to be perfect in this part
'of Learning, I rarely mingle with the Men, (for
'I abhor Wine) but frequent the Tea Tables of the
'Ladies. I know every part of their Dreſs, and
'can name all their Things by their Names. I am
'conſulted about every Ornament they buy; and, I
'ſpeak it without Vanity, have a very pretty Fancy

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'to Knots and the like. Sometimes I take a Needle, 'and ſpot a Piece of Muſlin for pretty *Patty Croſs-ſtitch*, who is my preſent Favourite, which, ſhe 'ſays, I do nearly enough; or read one of your 'Papers, and explain the Motto, which they all like 'mightily. But then I am a ſort of petty Tyrant a-'mongſt them, for I own I have my Humours. If 'any thing be amiſs, they are ſure Mr. *Sleek* will 'find fault; if any hoity-toity Things make a Fuſs, 'they are ſure to be taken to pieces the next Viſit. 'I am the dread of poor *Celia*, whoſe Wrapping-'Gown is not right *India*; and am avoided by *Tha-'laſtris* in her Second-hand Manteau, which ſeveral 'Maſters of Arts think very fine, whereas I per-'ceived it had been ſcower'd with half an Eye.

'Thus have I endeavour'd to improve my Un-'derſtanding, and am deſirous to communicate my 'innocent Diſcoveries to thoſe, who, like me, 'may diſtinguiſh themſelves more to Advantage 'by their Bodies than their Minds. I do not think 'the Pains I have taken, in theſe my Studies, 'thrown away; ſince by theſe means, though I am 'not very valuable, I am however not diſagreeable. 'Would Gentlemen but reflect upon what I ſay, 'they would take care to make the beſt of them-'ſelves; for I think it intolerable that a Blockhead 'ſhould be a Sloven. Though every Man cannot 'fill his Head with Learning, 'tis in any one's 'Power to wear a pretty Perriwig; let him who 'cannot ſay a witty Thing, keep his Teeth white 'at leaſt; he who hath no knack at writing Son-'nets, may however have a ſoft Hand; and he 'may arch his Eye-brows, who hath not ſtrength of 'Genius for the Mathematicks.

'After the Concluſion of the Peace we ſhall un-'doubtedly have new Faſhions from *France*; and I 'have ſome reaſon to think that ſome Particularities 'in the Garb of their *Abbés* may be tranſplanted hi-'ther to Advantage. What I find becoming in 'their Dreſs I hope I may, without the Imputation 'of being Popiſhly inclined, adopt into our Ha-'bits; but would willingly have the Authority of 'the *Guardian* to Countenance me in this harm-'leſs Deſign. I would not hereby aſſume to my 'ſelf a Juriſdiction over any of our Youth, but 'ſuch as are incapable of Improvement any other 'way. As for the awkward Creatures that mind 'their Studies, I look upon them as irreclaimable. 'But over the aforementioned Order of Men, I de-'ſire a Commiſſion from you to exerciſe full Au-'thority. Hereby I ſhall be enabled from time to time 'to introduce ſeveral pretty Oddneſſes in the ta-'king and tucking up of Gowns, to regulate the 'Dimenſions of Wigs, to vary the Tufts upon Caps, 'and to enlarge or narrow the Hems of Bands, 'as I ſhall think moſt for the Publick Good.

'I have prepared a Treatiſe againſt the Cravat 'and Bardaſh, which I am told is not ill done; and 'have thrown together ſome haſty Obſervations up-'on Stockings, which my Friends aſſure me I 'need not be aſhamed of. But I ſhall not offer 'them to the Publick, till they are approved of at 'our Female Club; which I am the more willing 'to do, becauſe I am ſure of their Praiſe; for they 'own I underſtand theſe things better than they do. 'I ſhall herein be very proud of your Encourage-'ment; for next to keeping the Univerſity clean, 'my greateſt Ambition is to be thought,

*SIR*,

*Your moſt Obedient*,
*Humble Servant*,
Simon Sleek.

*This Paper is to be had of Mr.* Yemes *under the* Thatch'd-houſe *Tavern in St.* James's-ſtreet; *Mrs.* Bond *at* Charing-croſs; *Mrs.* Bolter *near the* Temple-gate; *and Mr.* Round *in* Exchange-Ally.


## *ADVERTISEMENTS.*

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality,

At Stationers Hall near Ludgate, the 23d of March, will be perform'd a Conſort of Vocal and Inſtrumental Muſick, by the beſt Maſters, for the Benefit of Mr. Lawrance. And an Irish Song to be Sung by a young Gentlewoman that never Sung in Publick before, a Scholar of Mr. Lawrance's. Price 2 s. 6 d. Beginning at 6 a-Clock. Tickets to be had at Sam's Coffee houſe in Ludgate-ſtreet at Young Man's Coffee-houſe at Charing-Croſs, and at the Tilt Yard Coffee-houſe.

Whereas the Collection of Pictures, late Mr. Pelleteir's, deſigned for Sale on Thurſday laſt, being the 19th Inſtant; but by Reaſon the Muſick for Te Deum being rehearſed at Whitehall at the ſame time, and ſome Perſons of Quality deſiring an Adjournment of the ſaid Sale for that Reaſon; N. B. The ſaid Collection will be expoſed to View till Wedneſday the 25th Inſtant, and then the Sale to begin at Eleven in the Forenoon, at his late Dwelling-houſe, next the Wheat-ſheaf in Henrietta-ſtreet, Covent Garden.

Supposed to be left in a Hackney Coach that took up a Gentleman in St. Clement's Church yard, and carried him to Duke-ſtreet, St. James's, and from thence to Devereux Court near Temple-bar, on Thurſday the 18th Inſtant, a Hair Ring ſet with Diamonds, and on the inſide of the Rim in ſmall Letters [Dear Mad.] If the Coachman, or any other Perſon that hath found it, will bring it to Mr. Tonſon in the Strand, they ſhall have a Guinea reward.

This Day is Publiſh'd,

Mr. Noble's Speech to my Lord Chief Juſtice Parker, at his Tryal at Kingſton Aſſizes, March 13, 1712. Price 2 d. The Walking Statue; or, the Devil in the Wine Cellar, as it was acted at the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, and at St. Paul's School. Pr. 6 d. Windſor Foreſt. To the Right Honourable George Lord Lanſdown, by Mr. Pope, pr. 1 s. An Epiſtle to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lanſdown, by Mr. Young, Fellow of All-Souls in Oxford. pr. 1 s. The Dryades, or the Nymphs Propheſie, by Mr. Diaper. pr. 1 s. 6 d. All Printed for Bernard Lintott, between the Two Temple-Gates. And next Week will be publiſh'd, Cinna's Conſpiracy, a Tragedy, as it was acted at the Theatre in Drury-lane. Alſo the Epodes, and Carmen Seculare of Horace, Engliſh and Latin. With Dr. Bently's Notes, literally Tranſlated in four Parts, pr. 6 d. each.

A choice Collection of Modern Books bound, being the Stock of Mr. Sanger, Bookſeller, deceas'd, will be ſold to Gentlemen at his late Shop at the Middle Temple Gate in Fleetſtreet, at very reaſonable Rates, the Price being marked on the firſt Leaf. There is alſo a number of valuable Pamphlets to be Sold very cheap by the dozen. The Sale begins this Day, and will continue till Wedneſday Night. The Shop is to be Let. A parcel of Houſhold Goods is to be diſpos'd of at his Late Houſe in Boſwell Court near Lincolns Inn till Tueſday night, on eaſie terms.

Juſt Publiſhed,

The Pretender's Declaration, abſtracted from two anonymous Pamphlets; the one entitled, Jus Sceptri; the other, Memoirs of the Chevalier St. George. With ſome Memoirs of two other Chevaliers St. George in the Reign of King Henry VII. Written by Mr. Aſgill. Sold by A. Baldwin in Warwick-lane, T. Harriſon at the Royal Exchange, and A. Dodd without Temple-bar, price 6 d. At all which Places may be had Mr. Aſgill's other Pieces.


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